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## **November Unit Meetings**

The LWV Curry County Board of Directors will be meeting in Brookings at the Evergreen Federal Savings Bank. (See calendar for date and time.) In lieu of holding a South County Unit Meeting, members are encouraged to attend the Board meeting to see how they address the important issues they deal with.

Central County Unit Members may have a change of venue. Look for a notice coming from Unit Chair Anne Tlaker.

The North County Unit will continue the discussion on Health Care at Becky Flake's Home.

*All Board and Unit Meeting times and dates are on the calendar, page 6.*

## **October Unit Meeting Healthcare Discussions – Judy Kaplan and Lucie La Bonte**

South County - Mary Jane spoke on "*America's Health Care: Past and Future*." She provided a history of medical billing, today's health care reimbursement scenarios, and different systems of health care. Lively discussion followed the fascinating presentation.

Debra Worth, League Observer of the Brookings City Council, distributed a written summary, then spoke of several areas of concern. Observer Reports are discussed by the Board and may result in action taken by the President.

Central County and North County also had presentations on Health Care options, the complex world of medical billing, health care in countries with socialized medicine and good discussions led by President Mary Jane LaBelle.

The discussion in Central County raised the question; how easy would it be to shift to Universal Health Care in the United States? As the discussion continues among candidates running for President more information on proposals will come forward.



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## President's Letter

Greetings All!

October has been a very busy month, but it only heralds what we are up for in the next fourteen months: a busy and focused year! Check the Calendar, Page 6!



The LWVCC month began on October 14, with the Board meeting in Gold Beach. Thanks goes to Tucker Nunn for hosting. The calendar was filled in for the first half of the year, and you can see it, as usual, in the back of this edition. The two highlights are the Special District Forum in January and the February 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Women's Vote in the United States.

The January Forum on Special Districts will be moderated by our own Georgia Nowlin who is an expert on many things, including Special Districts. This promises to be a blockbuster community event, so mark your calendars for January 23.

The Anniversary Celebration is being designed and orchestrated by Anne Tlaker, the Gold Beach Wizard of Special Events! She is writing a play, which will be acted by League members, with focus on the history of Women's Right to Vote. There will be dates, times and information coming later.

Next were three unit meetings focusing on Universal Healthcare: Where are We Going? You will read reports of those meetings by the Unit Chairs elsewhere in this volume.

Lastly, I attended the biennial Fall Workshop in Eugene on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There were over 100 League participants and we went through training in four areas: First, Professor Erik Girvan, JD, PhD (Psychology) at the University of Oregon School of Law demonstrated to us how Implicit Bias works. That is, how we actually physically perceive people and issues due to our mental organization and unconscious bias. I must say, it was an enlightening and humbling experience hearing his 2-hour presentation. Next was a breakout session on Redistricting. I will address this later in this volume. Thirdly, I attended the talk on Discourse and Propaganda on the Web. We all understand the false information coming at us constantly. Donna Cohen, teacher and librarian identified methodologies to ascertain what is true and what isn't. The 9am to 3:30 pm day was well worth the drive, and of course networking with the other Leaguers was great.

Mary Jane LaBelle, President

## Census 2020

The 2020 Census should:

- Count Everyone;
- Be Transparent, Easy and Accessible and
- Reflect the Diversity of our Communities. The Census and Redistricting have many similar goals.

Here are some ways you can help:

1. Join a state or local Complete Count Committee
2. Using demographic information, identify the communities in your area that are likely to be undercounted.
3. Engage with partners and allies and assess entry points into undercounted communities
4. Launch community education forums for the public and elected officials
5. Conduct letter-writing campaigns focused to your local papers and elected officials underscoring why a full count benefits our area.

For more information: [lwv.org/voting-rights-tools/census-action-kit](http://lwv.org/voting-rights-tools/census-action-kit).

LWVCC will be as active as we can, and you can expect to hear from us more about this very important project in the future.

## Redistricting “People Not Politicians”

The Oregon Redistricting Plan: “*People not Politicians*” is being announced the end of October. You will be hearing much about this in the news media. The LWVOR is the lead organization in this effort because in a poll carried out earlier this year, the “League is the organization most trusted to retain the integrity of process.” We are joined by many other organizations as well.

The plan is designed to prevent gerrymandering and reflect the voter’s rights. The plan’s slogan will be that “Oregon voters should be choosing their Representatives; the Representatives should not be choosing their voters.”

The first phase is to get a ballot initiative approved to create an *Oregon Citizens Redistricting Commission* that is voter-non-conflict based. The plan to organize such commission was laid out in Eugene at the workshop last week. This will be 12 commissioners finally chosen after many sorts. This commission will decide the redistricting lines, not the politicians.

We will be asked to get signatures in April, May and June for a July 2, 2020 deadline. We will need over 140,000 validated signatures to get the measure on the ballot, which means we will have to get twice that many because so many eventually get thrown out.

## Bits and Pieces (Announcements from MJ)

**Sponsors:** Have you been contacted by a member? If not please let us know. We appreciate your support and need to hear from you. Please renew your sponsorships if you haven't done so for 2019-2020 yet.

**Members:** Those of you who have not renewed have recently received a letter from the LWVCC President reminding you about your membership renewals. Please join us for this VERY important year of 2020. *Democracy must be defended, Redistricting must be non-partisan, Voting must be insured for all citizens.*

**Coos County LWV** is hosting a presentation on Aerial Spray in Forestry on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Sharkbites Theater (226 S. Broadway) in Coos Bay.

### 100 Years Strong

Every LWVOR County/Unit will be holding its own celebration, but many of us will try to join in the Salem Century Luncheon on March 7 which is advertised in this issue. Curry County will be holding a play around February 16. You will be hearing more about this when we have reserved the venue. Please plan to join in the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of women attaining the right to vote in the USA!

**There will be no CoastLines in December. Look for the Holiday Party Invite from Tucker in your email soon!**



Board Members: Karol Simas, Anne Tlaker, Tucker Nunn, Georgia Nowlin and Judy Kaplan

## LWVOR Legislative Report Vol. 29 #26 – Water and Climate

The League continues to work with others to advance a “water vision” for Oregon to continue our work on the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. We encourage you to take the survey and sign up for email notices at [www.oregonwatervision.org](http://www.oregonwatervision.org).

Feasibility Study Grants through the Water Resources Dept. reimburse up to 50 percent of the costs of studies to evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, and storage projects. This competitive funding opportunity helps individuals and communities investigate whether a project idea is feasible and worth pursuing. **Next deadline for applications is Nov. 13, 2019.** Submit applications electronically to: [WRD\\_DL\\_feasibilitystudygrants@oregon.gov](mailto:WRD_DL_feasibilitystudygrants@oregon.gov).

We have been asked to support a request in 2020 to fund the on-site septic program which we have done in the past. SB 760 (2019) did not pass, but the need exists for low cost loans to repair failing septic systems.

The most recent update (Sept. 9) to the [US Drought Monitor](#) showed a slight improvement in conditions over the past two weeks. The latest report indicates that just under 32% of the state is listed as D0 (Abnormally Dry), with almost 11 percent listed as D1 (Moderate Drought). It takes years to get out of a severe drought as we experienced in 2015.

### Climate Authority – New State Agency

Expect the League to continue to support a new Climate Authority state agency which would address Climate/Carbon mitigation and adaptation policy coordination and share in the critical accountability process across all state agencies. See 2019 session League testimony: [SB 928 Climate Authority state agency – Support](#).



*Plan Now to Attend*

**League of Women Voters of Oregon**  
**Century Celebration Luncheon**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2020**  
**10AM- 2PM**

**Guest Panel:**

Governor Kate Brown (invited)  
Secretary of State Bev Clarno  
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## League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar – 2019 - 2020

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
November	5 18 19 20	Election Day LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meeting GB Unit Meeting PO	Vote Evergreen Bank, Brookings TBA Becky Flake's Home	9:30 am 12 noon 5 pm
December	8	Holiday Luncheon Party	Lorraine Filippone's Home Invitations to follow	1 pm – 3pm
January	13 23	LWVCC Board Meeting Special District Issues Forum	Karol Simas', GB Gold Beach Library	9:30 am 5:30 p-7:30 p
February	10 14	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVCC 100th Birthday Fundraiser	Karol Simas', GB TBA TBA/Gold Beach	9:30 am TBA TBA
March	7 9 TBA	LWVOR 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings or Membership Teas	Salem Convention Center Tucker Nunn's, GB TBA	TBA 9:30 am TBA
April	13 TBA TBA 28	LWVCC Board Meeting Unit Meetings Candidate Forums Last day to Register to Vote	Brookings Library TBA TBA	9:30 am TBA TBA
May	11 TBA TBA 19	LWVCC Board Meeting LWVOR Convention Unit Meetings Primary Election	MJ's Home, Sixes TBA TBA VOTE	9:30 am   VOTE
June	6	LWVCC Annual Meeting New/Old Board Meeting	Gold Beach	9:30a-1p 1pm

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